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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on December 1, 2005, an initial response to which is due no later than <u>March 1, 2006</u>, Applicants submit this Amendment after Final Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.